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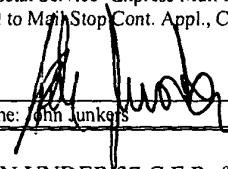
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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/875,844, filed on June 6, 2001 entitled Filter Element Having Sealing Members And Methods by the following inventor(s):

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11. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
 Fee for excess claims is attached.
12. A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
13. The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
14. A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
15. Also Enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement; Form 1449
16. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Julie R. Daulton** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
17. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: 22 August 2003



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Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, and drawings. The continuing application is as follows: 12 pages of specification, 18 claims, 1 page of abstract, and 5 sheets of drawings.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2. Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 17	-20	0	x \$18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 4	-3	1	x \$84.00	84.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$750.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	834.00

Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. Payment of fees:
 Attached is a check in the amount of
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
 PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE IS BEING DEFERRED.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 "This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/875,844, filed June 6, 2001, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

7. A set of formal drawings (sheets) is enclosed.

8. Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Donaldson Company, Inc. located at 1400 West 94th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440.

10. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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